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MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Historical Officer,
Office of Medical Services

SUBJECT : Outline for Overview of the Office of
Medical Services, 1945-71

1. I think that your 22 June 1971 outline for the Overview of the Office of Medical Services is generally in good shape and clearly indicates that there is a substantial story to be told.

2. There are, however, several points which I would like to suggest should be covered in the OMS Overview -- your outline, in fact, may be sufficiently flexible that they will fall into place as it now stands. Among the items which I believe require some attention are the following:

a. Interagency relationships -- NIH, State, military, etc.

b. Role of OMS in interoffice support -- with the Offices of Security and Personnel in particular.

c. Comparison of the Agency's medical program -- from initial examination of applicants to Executive examination program -- with other government agencies and industrial programs.

d. The Assessment and Evaluation program.

e. Costs of the medical program.

3. I think, too, that your item VII, "Looking to the Future (1971)," might better be called "Continuing Activities," to permit more leeway in your writing.

4. The other question which I have, of course, is similar to the one I have asked myself with regard to writing the overall history of the DDS -- can you really

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write the overview of the Office before you have the histories of the component activities of the Office?

5. If there is anything further you would like to discuss, please give me a call.

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